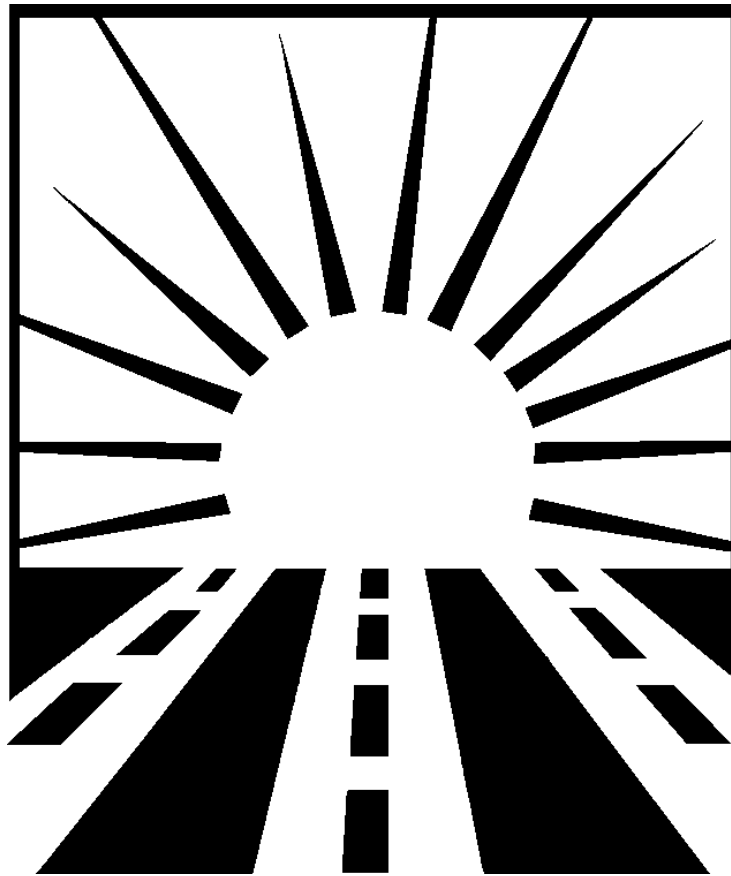


Smog Check Consumer Assistance Program



The Consumer Assistance Program offers three options to help California consumers whose vehicles need Smog Check repairs to bring them into compliance with California emissions standards. These options not only aid consumers, but help clean California's air by reducing vehicle emissions.

The following options are now available: ***Repair Assistance, Vehicle Retirement, and Repair Cost Waiver.*** Look inside for more details.

Smog Check Consumer Assistance Program

If your vehicle needs help meeting California's clean air standards, the California Department of Consumer Affairs/Bureau of Automotive Repair may be of help. You may be eligible for assistance in paying for repairs, or paid to retire the vehicle, or receive a two-year repair waiver.

(1) Repair Assistance

Income-Eligible: You may qualify for assistance in paying for repairs if your household income is not more than 185% of the federal Poverty Guidelines (see Table 1). If you qualify, you must pay the first \$20 toward diagnosing and repairing your vehicle's emissions-related problems. The state will then contribute up to **\$500** in emissions-related diagnostic and repair services to your vehicle.

– OR –

Test-Only Eligible: You may also qualify for assistance if your registration renewal notice indicates that your vehicle is required to have its Smog Check inspection at a **Test-Only** station. If you qualify, you must pay the first \$100 to diagnose and repair your vehicle's emissions-related problems. The state will then contribute up to **\$500** in emissions-related diagnostic and repair services to your vehicle. (If you apply, and qualify, for income-eligible assistance, you will only have to pay the first \$20 toward diagnosing and repairing your vehicle.)

Table 1 — Poverty Guidelines

Number of People in Household*	Maximum ANNUAL Gross Household Income	Maximum MONTHLY Gross Household Income
1	\$15,448	\$1,287
2	\$20,813	\$1,734
3	\$26,178	\$2,182
4	\$31,543	\$2,629
5	\$36,908	\$3,076
6	\$42,273	\$3,523
7	\$47,638	\$3,970
8	\$53,003	\$4,417
For more than 8, add the following amount for each individual:	\$ 5,365	\$ 447

* "Household" means all family members or other persons who reside together and share common living expenses — **BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOURSELF!**

(2) Vehicle Retirement

If you don't feel your vehicle is worth repairing, the state will pay you **\$1,000** to voluntarily retire it. You must not have retired a vehicle through the Consumer Assistance Program within the preceding 12-month period.

To qualify for either Repair Assistance or Vehicle Retirement, your vehicle:

- ★ Must be required, every other year, to obtain a Smog Check certificate as a condition of registration.
- ★ Must be a passenger car or light- to medium-duty truck that is currently registered as an operable vehicle with the Department of Motor Vehicles. (For **Vehicle Retirement**, your vehicle must have been continuously registered in California for at least the last two years).
- ★ Must not have a tampered emission-control system.
- ★ Must not be in the process of being sold or being registered for the first time.
- ★ Must need assistance to meet Smog Check requirements.

If you are interested in applying for Repair Assistance or Vehicle Retirement, please complete the attached application. The Bureau of Automotive Repair must receive a completed application not later than 90 days after the expiration date of the vehicle's registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

(3) Repair Cost Waiver

You may be able to register your vehicle, even if it does not pass its Smog Check inspection, with an extension that gives you two years to complete necessary emissions-related repairs. To qualify, you must spend at least \$450 on the repairs at a licensed Smog Check station. You do not need to complete the application to schedule an appointment. For more information, call **1-800-622-7733**.

Repair Assistance: “Income-Eligible” Applicants

1) Make sure you and your vehicle qualify.

Your application must be approved by the Consumer Assistance Program prior to receiving assistance. Do not have emissions-related repairs performed on your vehicle until you have received a CAP letter of eligibility. Refer to page 2 for vehicle and owner qualifications.

2) Fill out the application.

Be sure to check the **REPAIR ASSISTANCE: INCOME-ELIGIBLE APPLICANT** box in Section 1. Then, completely fill out Sections 2–5, and sign the back of the application.

3) Mail the application and required documents.

Include the following documents with your application:

- ☐ A copy of your current vehicle registration card.
- ☐ A copy of your current vehicle renewal notice from DMV.
- ☐ A copy of the Vehicle Inspection Report from your vehicle’s Smog Check inspection.
- ☐ A copy of your California Driver’s License or Identification Card.
- ☐ Copies of all emissions-related repair invoices (if any).
- ☐ Copies of documents that verify your income level eligibility:

★ *A copy of your federal or state income tax form (Form 1040 or 540) from the most recent year.*

– OR –

★ *A pay stub reflecting year-to-date earnings, hours worked, and hourly wage.*

– OR –

★ *A letter from the issuing agency stating that you receive one of these benefits:*

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- State Supplemental Payments (SSP).
- General Assistance (GA) or General Relief (GR).
- Publicly subsidized medical coverage (Medicare, Medi-Cal, etc.).

– OR –

★ *A copy of one of the following income verification documents:*

- An unemployment, veterans benefits, or disability check issued within the past 60 days.
- A monthly bank statement issued within the past 60 days reflecting direct deposit of Social Security or Public Assistance.

4) Once your application is approved...

You will receive an eligibility letter and additional information about where you can take your vehicle for repair assistance.

Repair Assistance: “Test-Only Station” Applicants

1) Make sure you and your vehicle qualify.

Your application must be approved by the Consumer Assistance Program prior to receiving assistance.

Do not have emissions-related repairs performed on your vehicle until you have received a CAP letter of eligibility. Refer to page 2 for vehicle and owner qualifications.

2) Fill out the application.

Be sure to check the **REPAIR ASSISTANCE: TEST-ONLY STATION APPLICANT** box in Section 1. Then, completely fill out Sections 2–4, and sign the back of the application.

3) Mail the application and required documents.

Include the following documents along with your application:

- ☐ A copy of your current vehicle registration card.
- ☐ A copy of your current vehicle renewal notice from DMV.
- ☐ A copy of the Vehicle Inspection Report from your vehicle’s Smog Check inspection.
- ☐ A copy of your California Driver’s License or Identification Card.
- ☐ Copies of all emissions-related repair invoices (if any).

4) Once your application is approved...

You will receive an eligibility letter and additional information about where you can take your vehicle for repair assistance.

Vehicle Retirement Applicants

1) Make sure your vehicle qualifies.

Your application must be approved by the Consumer Assistance Program prior to receiving assistance. Refer to page 2 for vehicle and owner qualifications.

2) Fill out the application.

Be sure to check the **VEHICLE RETIREMENT APPLICANT** box in Section 1. Then, completely fill out Sections 2, 3, and 6; and sign the back of the application.

3) Mail the application and required documents.

Include the following documents with your application:

- ☐ A copy of your current vehicle registration card.
- ☐ A copy of your current vehicle renewal notice from DMV.
- ☐ A copy of your vehicle’s Certificate of Title (“pink slip”).
- ☐ A copy of the Vehicle Inspection Report from your vehicle’s Smog Check inspection.
- ☐ A copy of your California Driver’s License or Identification Card.

4) Once your application is approved...

You will receive a phone call and additional information about how to retire your vehicle.

*If you have questions regarding this application
or need assistance completing it, please call:*

1-800-622-7733





SMOG CHECK CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION

(To Be Completed by Applicant)



Please fill out the application completely. Incomplete applications cannot be processed.

Section 1 — APPLICATION SELECTION

Please check one:

- ☐ **REPAIR ASSISTANCE: INCOME-ELIGIBLE APPLICANT** — If this box is checked, complete Sections 2-5, and sign the back of the application.
- ☐ **REPAIR ASSISTANCE: TEST-ONLY STATION APPLICANT** — If this box is checked, complete Sections 2-4, and sign the back of the application. (Note: Test-Only referrals who qualify should apply for Income-Eligible assistance.)
- ☐ **VEHICLE RETIREMENT APPLICANT** — If this box is checked, complete Sections 2, 3, & 6, and sign the back of the application.

Section 2 — APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name	M.I.	Last Name	California Driver's License or I.D. Number	
Street Address	Apt.	City	ZIP	Daytime Phone Number ()
Best Time to Contact You Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.				

Section 3 — VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle Year	Make	Model	Odometer Reading	California License Plate Number
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)		Vehicle Registration Expiration Date	Date of Failed Smog Check	(if applicable) Date of Repair Cost Waiver or Economic Hardship Extension

Section 4 — VEHICLE REPAIR INFORMATION

I have spent \$_____ on emissions-related repairs at _____. (Attach invoices.)
(Station Name)

Section 5 — INCOME INFORMATION

Number of people living in household
(include yourself)

Head of Household? (Please check one)

Yes ☐ No ☐

Step 1 — Add the Total Gross Monthly Income for all household members, including yourself

Wages \$ _____

Welfare/Unemployment Payments \$ _____

Social Security Payments \$ _____

Temporary Assistance for
Needy Families Payments \$ _____

Other Income \$ _____

Total Gross Monthly Income \$ _____

Step 2 — Determine whether you are eligible

(A) Total Gross Monthly Income \$ _____

(B) From Table 1 enter maximum
MONTHLY household income \$ _____

If the amount on Line A exceeds the amount on Line B, you are not eligible for repair assistance. If the amount on Line A is less than or equal to the amount on Line B, please sign the back of this application. Be sure to provide copies of the documents that verify eligibility along with your application.

Section 6 — VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS FOR RETIREMENT

VEHICLE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- ☐ All doors are present and at least one door works without the use of ropes, wires, tape, etc.
- ☐ Hood lid is present (it may be held down with the use of ropes, wires, tape, etc.).
- ☐ Dashboard is present (it does not need to be completely intact).
- ☐ Windshield is present and does not contain major defective conditions (e.g., cracks or holes) that would impair the driver's vision.
- ☐ At least one side window glass is present (the rear window may be missing).
- ☐ Driver's seat is present.
- ☐ At least one bumper is present.
- ☐ Interior pedals are operational.
- ☐ Exhaust system is present.
- ☐ Side and/or quarter panels are present.
- ☐ At least one headlight, one taillight, and one brake light are present.

VEHICLE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- ☐ Vehicle must be driven to an approved dismantler site **under its own power**.
- ☐ Vehicle engine starts readily through ordinary means without the use of starting fluids or external booster batteries.
- ☐ Vehicle driveability is not affected by any body, steering, or suspension damage.
- ☐ Vehicle is able to drive at least 10 yards in forward and reverse.
- ☐ Brakes are operational.

I acknowledge that the information provided on this application will be used to assess and verify my eligibility for assistance. My signature gives consent for this information to be shared with other government agencies. I declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that to the best of my knowledge, the information on this application is true and correct. I understand that submitting false information may result in a criminal conviction or in a civil penalty of not less than \$150 and not more than \$1,000, and that I will not be eligible to receive future assistance. I further understand and agree that if my vehicle does not meet all program requirements, it will not be permitted into the Consumer Assistance Program.

Registered Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Joint Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Vehicle Retirement Only)

Mail your application and required documents to:



**Bureau of Automotive Repair
Smog Check
Consumer Assistance Program
P.O. Box 15559
Sacramento, CA 95852-0559**